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Title: FLOATING POINT SYSTEM THAT REPRESENTS STATUS FLAG  
INFORMATION WITHIN A FLOATING POINT OPERAND  
Inventor: Guy L. Steele, Jr.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Information Disclosure Statement - 2 pgs.
2. Form 1449 - 1 pg + 8 references
3. Copies of 17 co-pending applications
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. The Serial numbers for the copending applications are as follows:

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10/035,595	06502.0365
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10/028,375	06502.0374
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10/035,582	06502.0376
10/035,674	06502.0377
10/035,581	06502.0378
10/035,647	06502.0379
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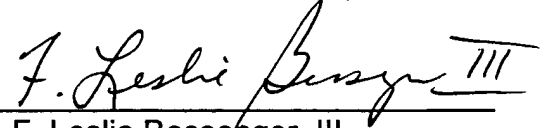
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